

1 1. A method comprising:
2 forwarding a software package together with a
3 list of addressees to a first processor-based system; and
4 enabling said first processor-based system to
5 automatically forward said software package together with
6 at least part of said list of addressees to a second
7 processor-based system, said second processor-based system
8 being on said list of addressees.

1 2. The method of claim 1 including enabling said
2 first processor-based system to install said software
3 package on said first processor-based system, make a copy
4 of said software package, and transmit said software
5 package to said second processor-based system.

1 3. The method of claim 2 including causing said
2 first processor-based system to automatically authenticate
3 said software package.

1 4. The method of claim 3 including causing said
2 second processor-based system to automatically authenticate
3 said software package by sending a message to said first
4 processor-based system.

1 5. The method of claim 4 including forwarding said
2 software package together with a checksum to enable the

3 second processor-based system to confirm with the first
4 processor-based system that the software package was
5 received correctly.

1 6. The method of claim 1 including causing said
2 first processor-based system forwards said software package
3 to said second and a third processor-based system.

1 7. The method of claim 1 including encrypting the
2 software package for transmission between said first and
3 second processor-based systems.

1 8. The method of claim 7 including changing the
2 encryption in a known fashion with each successive transfer
3 from one to the next processor-based system.

1 9. The method of claim 1 including transferring said
2 software package together with software that enables said
3 second processor-based system to transfer said software
4 package to a third processor-based system.

1 10. The method of claim 1 including enabling said
2 first processor-based system to forward said software
3 package to said second processor-based system during a low
4 activity time on said first processor-based system.

1 11. An article comprising a medium storing
2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to:
3 forward a software package together with a list
4 of addressees to a first processor-based system; and
5 enable said first processor-based system to
6 automatically forward said software package together with
7 at least part of said list of addressees to a second
8 processor-based system, said second processor-based system
9 being on said list of addressees.

1 12. The article of claim 11 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 install said software package, make a copy of said software
4 package, and transmit said package to a first processor-
5 based system.

1 13. The article of claim 12 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 cause said first processor-based system to automatically
4 authenticate said software package.

1 14. The article of claim 13 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 cause said second processor-based system to automatically
4 authenticate said software package by sending a message to
5 said first processor-based system.

1 15. The article of claim 14 further storing
2 instructions that enable said processor-based system to
3 forward said software package together with a checksum to
4 enable the first processor-based system to confirm that the
5 software package was received correctly.

1 16. The article of claim 11 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 enable said first processor-based system to forward said
4 software package to a second and third processor-based
5 system.

1 17. The article of claim 11 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 encrypt the software package for transmission.

1 18. The article of claim 17 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 enable said second processor-based system to change the
4 encryption in a known fashion.

1 19. The article of claim 11 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 transfer said software package together with software that

4 enables said first processor-based system to transfer said
5 software package to said second processor-based system.

1 20. The article of claim 11 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 enable said first processor-based system to forward said
4 software package to a second processor-based system during
5 a low activity time on the first processor-based system.

1 21. A system comprising:
2 a processor-based device;
3 a storage coupled to said processor-based device
4 storing instructions that enable the processor-based device
5 to forward a software package together with a list of
6 addressees to a first processor-based system and enable the
7 first processor-based system to automatically forward said
8 software package together with at least part of said list
9 of addressees to a second processor-based system, the
10 second processor-based system being on the list of
11 addressees.

1 22. The system of claim 21 wherein said device is a
2 server.

1 23. The system of claim 22 wherein said server is a
2 network management server.

1 24. The system of claim 21 wherein said device is a
2 client.

1 25. The system of claim 21 wherein said storage
2 stores instructions to automatically transfer the software
3 package, the list of addressees, and software to enable
4 further distribution of the software package to additional
5 processor-based systems.